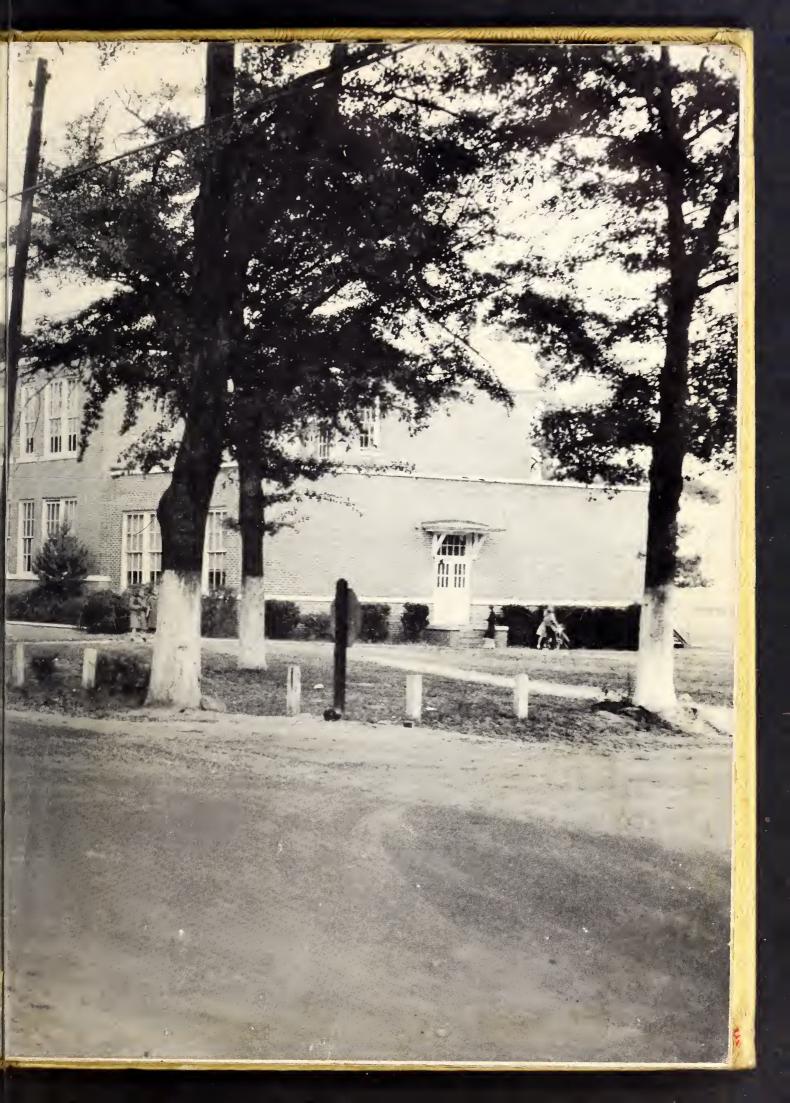
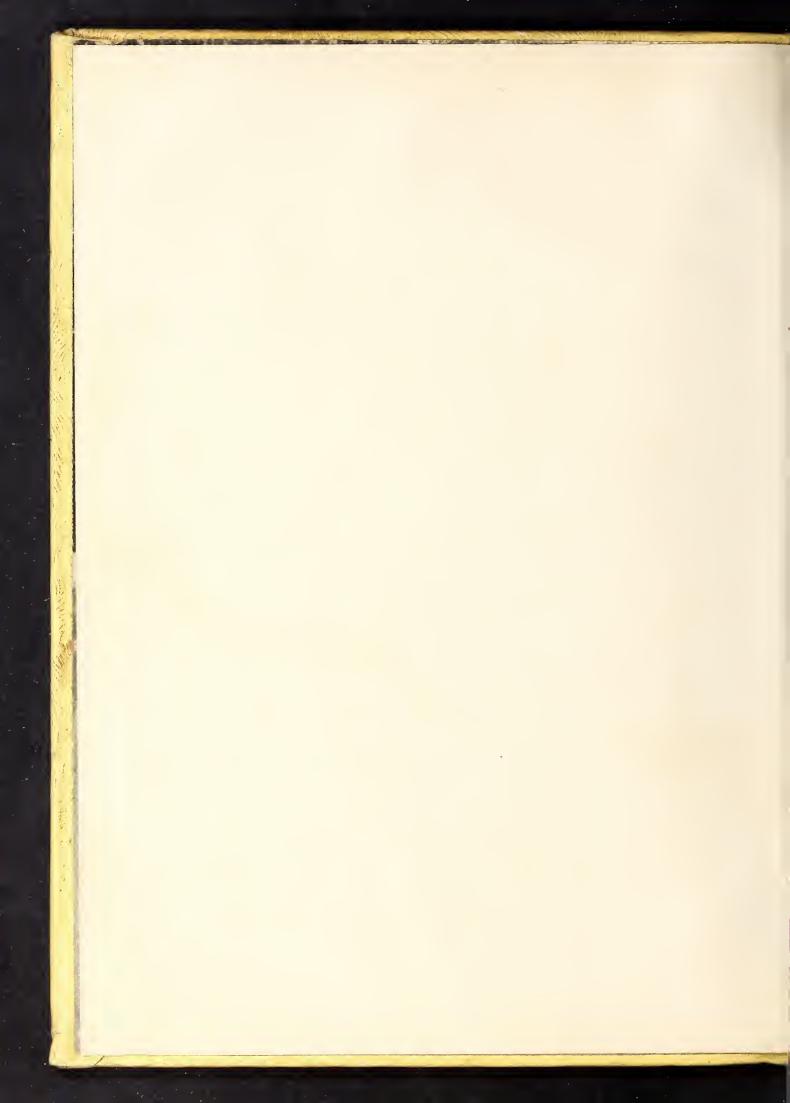
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FOREWORD

With this edition, we are beginning a new series of annuals for Grifton High School. The seniors, teachers and staff members have worked hard to make it a yearbook of highest quality. We have sought to portray the progress and advancement of our Alma Mater, and we hope we have preserved the priceless memories from this school year. It is our sincere desire that each succeeding senior class, with this purpose in mind, will continue the publication of "The Griftonian."

DEDICATION



We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Three, wish to dedicate this annual to the person, who has made our High School days the most pleasant of our lives. She has been patient and understanding; has given us knowledge and advice that will always be a help after we have graduated.

So, with great love and respect, we now dedicate this annual to Our Beloved Teacher,

MRS. HELEN BRADLEY.



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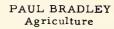
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MRS. PAUL BRADLEY Math, English, History



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MRS. GEORGE SUGG School Cafeteria Manager

CLASS HISTORY

We, the class of 1953, made our grand appearance in High School in August of 1949. We were slightly awed by the ways of the upper classmen; but with Mr. Venters as our advisor, we settled down to work. Almost immediately we began making contributions in the fields of sports and dramatics. Louise Corey and Hilda Buck joined the girls' basketball team, while J.R., Clyde, Jesse, Rufus and John played with the boys. We presented a one-act play that year called, "HIGH SCHOOL DAZE". We were honored by having Hilda Buck chosen Halloween Queen. Some of our class members took a trip to the Planatarium at Chapel Hill. At Commencement of that year, John Lewis was a marshall.

With these accomplishments to our credit, we tackled our Sophomore year with more confidence. We elected John Lewis president and Mr. Brown was our sponsor. We decided that we wanted to take a trip when we got to be seniors, so we began making money by selling sandwiches and candy at ball games. John was co-captain of the boys' team that year. Our only social event was a hayride to Whichards Beach. We began taking our share of honors that year, too. J.R. won two medals, Musicand Best All-Round. Peggy Abbott won the Home Economics Award; and John Lewis, the Sportsmanship Award. In the field of agriculture, John Lewis and Kenneth Branch received honors. They

entered hogs in the County Swine Show and won first and second places.

Our Junior year was a very busy year and a most outstanding one. We again chose John for president, and Mrs. Bradley was our sponsor. In the field of sports, several of our class members became outstanding. Hilda was captain of the girls' basketball team, and John co-captain of the boys' team. Hilda also became head cheerleader . J.R. won a place on the county all-tournament team, and Louise Corey received honorable mention. One of the most successful and enjoyable events of that year was our Junior play, "THE UNINVITED JESTER". We found we had some very good actors and actresses. In April, we honored the seniors with a lovely banquet around the theme, "Garden of Roses". It was a great success; and too, we discovered that in our class were some beautiful girls and handsome young men. We made money that year by selling drinks and candy at ball games. With our increased treasury, we began to get excited over the trip, which we were planning. Our class received many honors that year. Amongthem were Hilda Buck with the Home Economics Award, Mildred Sellars, the English Award, and John Lewis, the Sportsmanship and Scholarship Awards. Mildred also won the Soil Conservation Contest at Grifton and second place in the county. Outstanding in the field of music was Mary Dawson, who sang the leading part in the Christmas Cantata. Mildred, J.R. and John were marshalls that year. With the ending of our Junior year, we realized we had occupied seats on the sideline at Commencement for the last time.

Time moved quickly and we soon found ourselves Seniors. Mrs. Bradley was to be our advisor again. We took over the school store, which was quite a big undertaking, but which we hoped would make for us enough money for that long talked-of trip. We also decided to publish "THE GRIFTONIAN", a school annual. We had very capable leaders in the editor, John Lewis, and business manager, Mildred Sellars. We had our share of royalty this year. Mary and J.R. were elected Harvest Queen and King, and Hilda Buck was chosen May Queen. Jean Daugherty was Maid of Honor and Peggy Abbott and Norene Snell, Senior Attendants. Our class continued to take honors in scholastics as well as in sports and dramatics.

With the passing of the banquet, class play and our trip, we found ourselves at the climax of our high school career--graduation. It is here that this History ends. From

now on, each Senior will be responsible for writing his own HISTORY.

John Lewis Historian



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of 1953, with tears in our eyes and cherished memories of our last year in Grifton High, leave this, our last will and testament.

Item I: To the Junior Class we leave our places as dignified seniors with the hope that you will enjoy your Senior Year as much as we have.

Item II: To the Sophomore Class we assign the duty of being hosts at the '54 Junior-Senior "Prom"

Item III: To the Freshmen Class we leave our sincere good wishes and hopes for your success.

Item IV: To our school Faculty we leave our deepest appreciation and fondest regards. We will them all the patience they will surely need while trying to teach the future seniors.

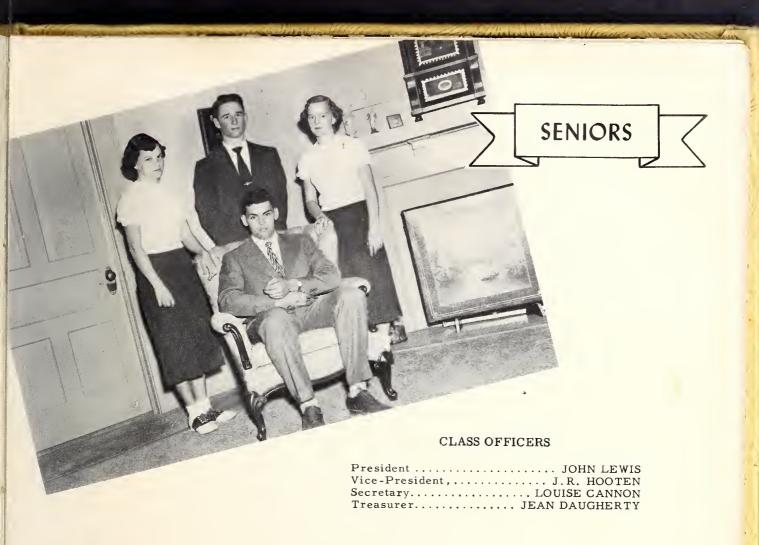
Item V: Our individual bequests are as follows:

- I, Will Rogers Harris, leave my way with the women to Bill Burroughs.
- I, Rufus Craft, leave my ability to sit in class and absorb nothing to Bernard McLawhorn.
- I, Hilda Jones, leave my manners to Bill Jackson in hopes that he will use some of it during school.
 - I, Mattie Jones, leave my witty ways to Carolyn Davis.
 - I, Peggy Abbott, will my bobby-pins to Ellie Jane Avery.
 I, Jean Daugherty, leave my ability to blush to Dawn Smith.
 - I, Norine (Snell) Jackson, leave my ability to get married to Doris Manning.
 - I, Jesse Stancill, leave my comic books to anyone who likes to read them.
 - I, Kenneth Branch, will my weight to Jack Starkey
 - I, Louise Corey, leave my ability to play basketball to Joyce Dennis.
 - I, John Robert Lewis, will my executive ability to Frederick Rhodes. I, Lillian Gay Dixon, leave my sarcastic ways to Pat Stokes.
- I, Mary Dawson, will my voice to Phyllis Jackson, hoping she will be making records with some top band soon.
 - I, Hilda Buck, leave my left over admirers to Geraldine Adams.
- I, J.R. Hooten, will my manly physique to Hamlin Hoffman.
 I, Preston Miller, will my ability to sleep in class to Ronald McGlohon in hopes that he will use it and give the teachers a rest.
 - I, Mildred Sellars, leave my capabilities to Nell McGlohon.
 - I, Shirley Spikes, leave my acting ability to Colleen Braxton.
- I, Clyde Adams, leave my talent for wild driving to Bobby Cole and hope he is as lucky as I have been.

 - I, Clarice Edwards, will my temper to Argent Tucker.
 I, Louise Cannon, leave my ability to go "steady" to Phyllis Haddock.
- I, Beulah Burroughs, leave my quietness to Bette McCotter hoping she will take advantage of it.
- I, Gilbert Whaley, will my good looks to Oswald Lewis hoping he will do as well as I have.
 - I, Joyce Cannon, leave my giggles to Peggy Buck.

Signed by -- Senior Class of 1953 By Hilda Buck





MASCOTS

JOHNNY BUCK

DOROTHY CANNON

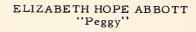












F.H.A. 1,4; Glee Club 1,3; Basketball 1; Dramatics 3,4; May Queen Attendant 4.

KENNETH BRANCH

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 4; Glee Club 1.

HILDA GAYE BUCK

May Queen 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 3, 4; Home Economics Award 3; President 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1, 2, 3; Harvest Queen 1.

BEULAH BURROUGHS

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOYCE CANNON

Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Griftonian Staff 4.











CLASS

LOUISE CANNON

Glee Club 1; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Class Secretary 4.

LOUISE COREY

S oftball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

RUFUS LEE CRAFT

Glee Club 1; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Bus Driver 4.

JEAN DAUGHERTY

Glee Club 1; F.H.A. 1,4; Softball 3,4; Class Treasurer 4; Maid of Honor to May Queen.

MARY DAWSON

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 3; Griftonian Staff 4; Dramatics 2, 3, 4; Harvest Queen 4; May Queen Attendant 3.



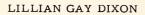












Glee Club 1,4.

CLARICE MAE EDWARDS

Glee Club 3, 4; Griftonian Staff 4.

WILL ROGERS HARRIS

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4.

JOHN ROBERT HOOTEN

Class President 1; Vice-President 3, 4; All Tournament Basketball Award 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Best All Round Award 2; Music Award 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 1, 3, 4; Band 4.

HILDA JEANNETTE JONES

Softball 1; Glee Club 1.









CLASS

MATTIE JONES

Glee Club 3; Softball 3.

JOHN ROBERT LEWIS

Class President 2, 3, 4; Griftonian Editor 4; Marshall 2, 3; Scholarship award 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Bus Driver 4; Dramatics 1, 3, 4; Sportsmanship Award 2, 3.

PRESTON MILLER "Jack"

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3; Bus Driver 3, 4.

WILLIAM PURSER

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 2.

MILDRED JEANETTE SELLARS

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Dramatics 1, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 3, 4; Reporter 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1, 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Griftonian Staff 4; Marshall 3; English Award 3; Oratory Award 3;



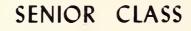






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NORENE SNELL

Class Secretary 2; Basketball 3; F.H.A. 2,3,4; 4-H Club 1; Library Staff 4; Dramatics 2,3.

SHIRLEY SPIKES

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3; Dramatics 3, 4.

JESSE STANCIL

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4.

SHIRLEY STARKEY

Monogram Club 2, 3; Cheerleader 3; Secretary of Teen-Age Club $4. \,$

GILBERT R. WHALEY

F.F.A. 1, 2, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3

CLYDE ADAMS
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Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1.



THE CLASS OF 1953 PROPHECY

Just for a minute let us pretend that we can see ten years in the future.

Anyday now you may sit back and turn on your radio and hear the now famous comedian Rufus Craft.

All you people who violate traffic rules will be chased by Patrolman Will Rodgers Harris. If you try to dodge him you had better leave the country for Detective Jesse Stancill will be tailing you. Those of you who are always unlucky and get caught anyway will want to hire Lawyer Kenneth Branch to handle your case.

What is that magnificent building I see on the outskirts of town? Why it's the new Grifton Hospital! There we see Hilda Buck, who is the head nurse. Two of her

assistants are Clarice Edwards and Hilda Jones.

While I was in town today I decided to visit the school. Two of the outstanding faculty members are J.R. Hooten and John R. Lewis. John is teaching agriculture and believe me he still raises some handsome hogs. J.R. came by and invited me over to the gym to watch the basketball boys work out. He is coaching the best team in Pitt County, and is headed for the County Championship.

I also ran into Clyde Adams, who is a Senator. I didn't have much time to talk to him, because he had to get back to Washington for one of those swanky parties.

Here is a bit of information concerning the Navy I would like to pass on to you.

Jack Miller is now an Admiral, and Mattie Jones is doing a fine job as a Navy Nurse.

You people who travel by air might try the Pan American Airlines. There you will receive the superb service of one of their smiling stewardesses, Jean Daugher-

ty.

All of the girls who are planning to enter college and like to eat, I suggest you go to W.C., for I hear the food there is "out of this world". This is made possible

by Peggy Abbott, Dietician.

I was in New York last and I ran into Shirley Spikes. She is Power's highest paid Model. I also saw Mary Dawson's name in flashing bright lights on a Broadway Theater. She is starring in "Romeo and Juliet" for its five hundredth performance.

The next time you plan to travel, write to the San Francisco Traveling Agency for information concerning the next world tour conducted by Louise Corey.

Louise Cannon is as busy as a bee in her secretarial work at Grifton's Dupont Plant. The local high school has grown so much that the principal needs a full time secretary. Joyce Cannon is doing that job well.

Beulah Burroughs is busy restoring China as part of her task as a Christian Missionary.

Mrs. Jesse Jackson, formerly Norine Snell, is busy keeping house for her husband and three sweet children.

Gilbert Whaley is also busy keeping the home fires burning. He is the owner and manager of several farms. He and his wife are happily bringing up their children.

Gay Dixon absolutely refuses to work so she is still enjoying her eternal vacation. I am preparing my whistle stop speeches for the next presidential campaign. You see, I plan to be the first woman president.

Mildred Sellars Class Prophet



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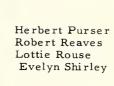
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Mildred Sellars, J.R. Hooten, John Lewis, Joyce Dennis. NOT PICTURED: Sarah Lee.



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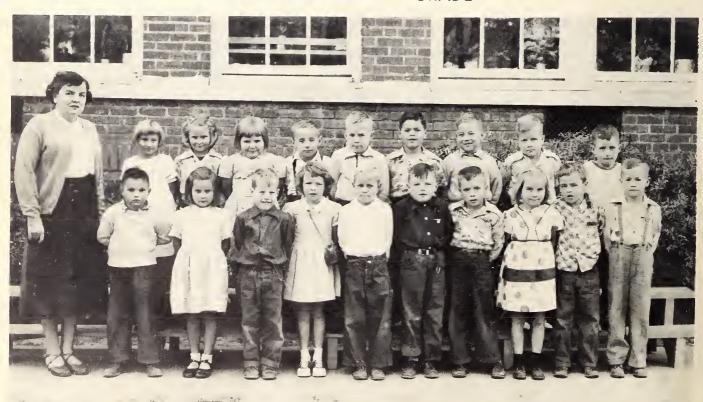


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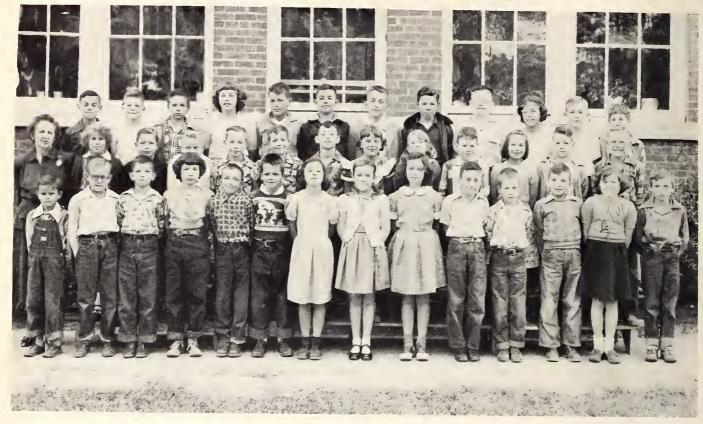
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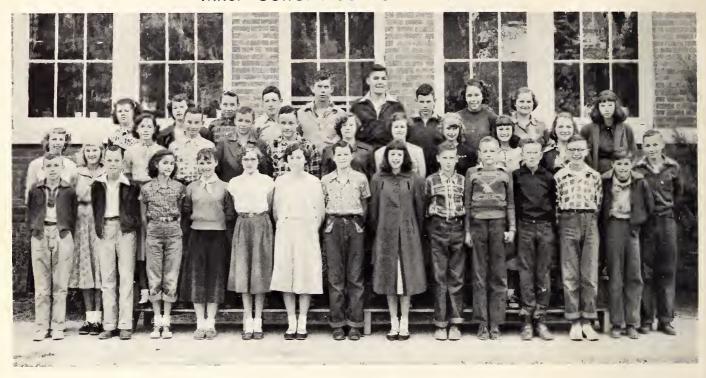
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